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1. South Vietnam

Police authorities in Hue say they have learned that the militant Buddhists are preparing to renew anti-government activity there; this is to include immolations. The local police, who claim to have substantial evidence of Viet Cong efforts to manipulate Buddhist organizations in Hue, are taking steps to head off serious trouble.

2. Israel

[redacted] signs during the past few days of a limited Israeli call-up. Neither we nor they think this is preliminary to an out-and-out Israeli offensive. The more likely reason is to improve Israel's military posture should Egypt mount a strong raid across the canal. A partial call-up would also put the Israelis in a better position to slap back in the event of more terrorist raids from Syria through Jordan.

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3. South Arabia

The terrorists are now shooting at anyone even faintly resembling a British citizen. A number of Europeans have been killed or wounded in recent days and a US Consulate employee [redacted] barely escaped being gunned down late last week.

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4. Soviet Union

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5. Soviet Union

We expect the Russians to unveil both offensive and defensive missiles at their anniversary parade next week. A Soviet official has claimed as much, and the US attaché team in Moscow has already spotted what appear to be several new pieces of missile equipment under canvas.

6. Nigeria

Prospects for peace are not good.

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On the military front, federal pressure against Biafra continues, but the action has slowed down.

7. Uruguay

President Gestido has formed a new cabinet in which most factions of his divided party are represented. Gestido should be able to dominate this group. One faction of his party, however, will probably refuse to give legislative support, and this will force Gestido to negotiate with the opposition for the necessary votes to get his program through Congress.

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I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION

Hanoi Sensitive on Sino-Soviet Matters: Hanoi evidently is irked by Moscow's handling of Ho Chi Minh's article on the Bolshevik Revolution which appeared in Pravda the other day. [redacted] yesterday, Pravda carried a full version, including the portions complimentary to the Chinese, but Soviet broadcasts have deleted these sections. Apparently the Soviets even tampered with the Vietnamese language version. [redacted]

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Hanoi on South Vietnamese Inauguration: The "Saigon election farce" culminated in an inauguration which took place in an "atmosphere of terror," according to a 31 October Hanoi English language broadcast to Southeast Asia. The broadcast noted that extreme security measures were taken and that Vice President Humphrey was present to give "necessary instructions" to the South Vietnamese. According to Hanoi, the inauguration cannot bring any legal status or political stability to the "puppet regime."

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